

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
3 November 2023

Dear parents and families,

As we journey through the academic year, we would like to take a moment to address a crucial topic that affects our school environment and the well-being of our students - bullying. At St Vincent's, we are committed to fostering a safe and inclusive space for every student, and we believe that raising awareness about the importance of anti-bullying initiatives is an essential part of our mission.

Bullying can take many forms, including physical, verbal and cyberbullying, and it can have a profound impact on a student's mental, emotional and physical well-being. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that every student feels safe, valued and respected within our school community.

To combat bullying and promote a culture of kindness, it is crucial to distinguish what constitutes bullying and what does not:

What is Bullying?

Bullying involves repeated, intentional and hurtful behaviour directed toward another person or group of people. It often includes a power imbalance, where one individual or a group asserts power and control over another. Common forms of bullying include:

Name-calling, teasing, spreading rumours or using derogatory language to belittle or harm someone emotionally. Physically harming or threatening to harm someone, including hitting, pushing, or stealing personal belongings. Deliberately excluding someone from a group or activity, spreading rumours or damaging another person's reputation. Using digital platforms to send hurtful or threatening messages, share embarrassing photos or information, or engage in online harassment.

What is Not Bullying?

It is essential to differentiate between bullying and other forms of conflict or disagreement, which are part of normal social interactions. Not every negative encounter qualifies as bullying. These situations include:

Normal disagreements or disputes between individuals, where both parties have an equal say in the matter.

Isolated incidents that do not involve repeated and intentional harm. However, these incidents should not be ignored and should still be addressed.

At St Vincent's we have different initiatives to combat bullying and promote a culture of kindness and compassion:

We actively work to educate students about the various forms of bullying and their consequences. Our goal is to foster an atmosphere where students not only know how to combat bullying but also appreciate the importance of distinguishing between bullying and other social interactions. Teachers, staff and guest speakers regularly address this issue in classroom discussions, workshops and assemblies.

We encourage students to report any incidents of bullying they witness or experience and we have recently implemented a peer support program, Guardian Angels, to foster empathy and friendship among our students. We believe that it takes a village to combat bullying effectively and we welcome parents, guardians and the wider community to join us in promoting a culture of respect, love and compassion.

Together, we can ensure that our school is a shining example of inclusion and kindness for all.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week



Reception – Eva for settling beautifully back into school and for being well behaved.

Year 1 – Kacper for working hard and trying his best.

Year 2 – Nahia for working hard and producing lovely writing.

Year 3 – Abigail for always participating in class.

Year 4 – Imogen for settling well into St Vincent's.

Year 5 – Charlotte for fantastic effort with handwriting.

Year 6 – Lawrence for making improvements in writing.

School Value Awards

Reception – Heeya for showing love and compassion towards her peers.

Year 1 – Noah for showing curiosity towards his learning.

Year 2 – Margot for showing aspiration by always doing her best.

Year 3 – Aurora for her resilience at maths.

Year 4 – Tobenna for building resilience.

Year 5 – Imogen for aspiring to improve knowledge and understanding.

Year 6 – Jasmine for showing compassion to her classmates.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 8 November	Year 6 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 8 November	Year 3 visit to library (leaving school at 13:40)
Thursday 9 November	Face to face Parent-Teacher meetings
Wednesday 15 November	Year 2 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 15 November	Year 3 visit to Mass (leaving school at 09:00)
Wednesday 15 November	Year 4 visit to library (leaving school at 13:40)
Monday 20 November	Year 5 visit to library (leaving school at 13:40)
Wednesday 22 November	Year 1 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 22 November	Year 4 visit to Mass (leaving school at 09:00)
Monday 27 November	Year 5 trip to Horniman Museum
Tuesday 28 November	Nasal flu vaccination
Wednesday 29 November	Year 3 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 29 November	Year 5 visit to Mass (leaving school at 09:00)
Thursday 30 November	School disco and tuck shop
Wednesday 6 December	Year 4 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 6 December	Year 6 visit to Mass (leaving school at 09:00)
Thursday 7 December	Christmas Fair 14:00 – 16:30
Tuesday 12 December	Years 1 & 2 Nativity 14:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 13 December	Reception Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 13 December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 December	Reception Nativity 14:00 Parents welcome
Tuesday 19 December	Years 3 – 6 Carol Concert 14:00 Parents welcome
Wednesday 20 December	Class Christmas parties
Wednesday 20 December	Last day of Autumn term

This Week's Attendance

30 October-3 November 2023	
Reception	96.5%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	93.7%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	98.3%
Year 5	95.0%
Year 6	93.4%
Whole school	96.1%



Multi-Sports Club

Our new sports provider will run after-school multi-sports sessions on Thursdays only. To ensure all children are given the opportunity each term, children in Years 4-6 may join for the first half of each term and children in Years 1-3 may join for the second half. Therefore, from next week until Christmas, children in Years 1-3 can take part and their parents will be emailed separately.

Scripture of the Week

We would like to share with you the Scripture of the Week, which has been at the heart of some of our Religious Education curriculum this week. It has served as a guiding light for our students as they explore and deepen their understanding of faith and values.

